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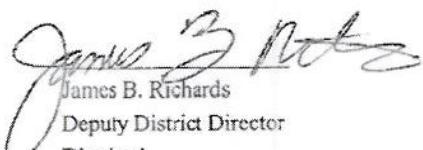
Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct a 6 foot buffer zone between opposing traffic on State Route 4 in Contra Costa County from Marsh Creek Road (PM 43.9) to 0.2 mile west of the Contra Costa/San Joaquin County Line (PM 48.1). The outside shoulders, currently 0 to 8 feet wide, will be upgraded to meet current 8 foot standards for errant vehicle recovery, and to provide an area whereby emergency vehicles can pull out when needed for assistance. The project also proposes to widen Kellogg Creek Bridge to provide standard shoulders, and 6-foot buffer zone.

Determination

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study and determines from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

- The project will not significantly affect fish, plant life or wildlife; nor will it significantly affect any rare or endangered species.
- There will be no significant impacts upon the aesthetic features of the area.
- The project will not significantly affect any important farmland, any floodplain or any wetlands.
- No historic or archaeological sites or structures of architectural or engineering significance will be affected.
- The project will not affect neighborhoods, social, cultural, or educational facilities, or the economy of the area.
- The potential for geologic or seismic hazards will not be increased by the project.
- The project is compatible with local, regional and state land use planning and will not introduce any new patterns of land use or any growth in the area. It will not alter present patterns of traffic circulation or movement.
- There will be no impacts on noise, air, and water quality. The project will not change the rate of use of any natural resources.


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